Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Was it as a result of representation from any corner that the former decision taken was revoked.

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government):* Yes.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Which is the corner from which that representation came, please.

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government):* The representation came from those who were going to be affected by that rule. *(Laughter)*

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Was it on a representation from a Gentleman who was about to be raised to the Bench that this decision was revoked?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government):* Not exactly from the Bench.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I know whether subsequent to 1110 representations were made in this Hon. House to insist upon the retiring Judges not to practise in Courts.

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government):* Yes.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* When about was that, please.

Mr. B. V. K. Meuon *(Joint Secretary to Government):* In 1939.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* In Malayalam Calendar?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government):* That will be about 1114.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Has any consideration been bestowed upon that representation which was made three years ago.

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government):* Yes.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Where do the Government stand in that decision?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government):* The Government thought that no revision was necessary.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri:* Therefore the present position of the Government is that the retired Judges can practise.

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government):* At present it is so.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* May I know why the Government found it necessary to take an assurance from the persons raised to the Bench that they willl not practise after retirement.

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government):* It was thought that it would not be proper for retired High Court Judges to practise at the same Bar.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* When exactly did the Government think it better to revoke the former decision ?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretrry to Government):* That has already been answered.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Is the Government aware that in Travancore High Court Judges are not allowed to practise now ?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government):* Yes.

Mr. P. P. Devassy *(Trichur-South):* Was there any necessity for the Government to change the opinion regarding the propriety of taking an undertaking ?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government):* Government were requested to re-consider the point. Government then ascertained the practice followed in Mysore, Baroda and Travancore. There was no such restriction there and so we allowed them to practise here also.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* After this Council passed a mandate that they should not be allo wed to practise, what were the other reasons that weighed with the Government to allow them to practise.

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government):* Government thought it would be rather hard on their part not to allow them to practise especially when it was allowed in the sister States.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* In Travancore it is not allowed now.

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government):* It was only very recently that Travancore changed the rule.

HOLIDAYS IN CONNECTION WITH THE DEMISE OF H. H. THE LATE MAHARAJA

67. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) have not holidays in memory of His Highness the late lamented Maharaja who passed away on 27th Kanni 1119 been declared for all public offices and schools in the State;

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(*b*) what was the number of days declared as holidays ;
(*c*) have all the institutions in (*a*) availed themselves of all the holidays so declared ;
(*d*) if the answer to (*c*) is not in the affirmative what was the reason for shortage in the number ?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon (*Joint Secretary to Government*):
(*a*) Yes.
(*b*) Three.
(*c*) No instance of any institution having not availed of the holidays has come to the notice of Government.
(*d*) Does not arise in view of the answer to (*c*).

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I know Sir, whether after the the receipt of his question by the Government any enquiry was made whether all the loving subjects of the late lamented Highness have not been able to avail themselves of the holiday given in connection with the sad demise of their father—that is how the ruler is looked upon by the subjects of the State.

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government):* No further enquiry was made.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri) :* Sorry.

68. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Will Government be pleased to state.—
(*a*) had not Monday 8th Thulam 1119 been declared a public holiday in connection with the Thirumasom ceremony of His Highness the late Maharaja;
(*b*) had the information been communicated to the various institutions in time;
(*c*) if there was delay in communicating the orders what was the same due to ?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government) :*
(*a*) Monday 8th Thulam 1119 had been declared a publicholiday in connection with the Thiruvanthali ceremony of His Highness the late Maharaja.
(*b*) Yes.
(*c*) No answer is necessary in view of the answer to (*b*).

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassn *(Vadakkancheri):* I think there has been some mistake in the answer; it is not thiruvanthali, it is thirumasom.

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government):* In fact the mistake is in the question.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I know Sir, whether all the Offices and Institutions were communicated of this holiday by any means other than the Gazette.

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government):* Yes. Instructions were also issued to the Tahsildars of all the Taluks also specifically asking them to convey the information to all other offices so that there may not be any delay.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I know when this information was communicated to the authority concerned. We are on a very solemn subject.

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government) :* The information was sent on 21st October that is on 4th Thulam, four days before the holiday.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Is not Government aware that Saturdays and Sundays are holidays for Schools and unless the information is communicated atleast by Friday they may not be able to get the holiday ?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government):* That is the reason why the local Officers were asked to convey the informaton to all institutions.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Let not such things recur again.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* May I know when the Gazette was despatched from here.

Mr B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government):* It is not the question of Gazette alone. Apart from the Gazette notification this order was communicated to the Tahsildars on the very same day.

Mr. C V Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Do the Government assert that it was issued in time?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government):* Government only assert that there was absolutely no delay in the despatch of the Order.

JURISDICTION OF THE REGISTRY OFFICES—VADAKKANCHERI AND CHELAKKARA

69. Mr. K. Kunhirama Menon *(Cheruthurathi):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

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